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Title : PROCESS FOR MANUFACTURING A FILM-TYPE
PACKAGING MATERIAL

ART STATEMENT

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Sir:

A copy of the European Search Report from applicants' corresponding European patent application is enclosed.

Enclosed is a copy of European Published Patent Application No. 1186961 (European '961). The European Search Report cited European '961 as being particularly relevant by itself (Category X) regarding Claim 27 of applicants' corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited European '961 as being technological background regarding Claims 1 and 15 of applicants' corresponding European patent application. The European Search Report cited the abstract, and paragraphs 0001, 0031, 0032, 0039, 0062, 0063 and 0070 of European '961.

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Respectfully submitted,

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